

The DuPont Rescue Experience

November 8th, 9th and 10th 2019
Henderson / Transylvania County, NC
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Purpose:

The 14th Annual DuPont Rescue Experience will simulate search and rescue operations in a wilderness environment. The Exercise will begin on Friday November 8th at 1800 and will conclude on Sunday November 10th. The exercise will be divided into four (12) hour operational periods and will be managed utilizing the National Incident Management System. Search crews, dog crews, and technical rescue teams are encouraged to participate.

Training:

This year the theme of the exercise is “Boots on the Ground”. The planning committee’s desire is each rescuer participate in at least one field-based mission. Training and scenarios all weekend will involve combining knowledge, skills, and abilities to overcome challenges found in the wilderness environment. Training sessions will be held throughout the weekend hosted by DuPont Rescue Experience instructors focusing on search management, technical rope rescue, land navigation, wilderness ems, mountain bikes in SAR, disaster communications, canines in SAR, and incident management. Participants are encouraged to participate in one or more of these training sessions in conjunction with ongoing search exercise operations. Updated training schedules will be available through <http://www.dupontrescue.com/> and upon check-in for the exercise.

Special Training:

Dementia Patients and Search & Rescue, provided by [Teepa Snow](#) (only offered Saturday)

This session will provide learners with an updated understanding of dementia, focusing on common symptoms and behaviors during the progression of the disease. Examples of problematic interactions and situations will be addressed. The session is highly interactive and will provide learners with both physical interaction skills and verbal behaviors for immediate use in service.

UAVs in Search and Rescue (only offered Saturday)

This class is to introduce Public Safety personnel to the use of drones. We will discuss the technology on how it can be used back home in your department or agency. They will be hands-on training for pilots and non-pilots. This will also be a great opportunity to check out what is required to start a program.

NCEM Communications Branch Communications Vehicle Functional Exercise

This exercise is designed to test and evaluate participant’s ability to mobilize, deploy and operate in response to a widespread communications outage. Opportunities will be available for participants to get Communications Unit Position

Task Book sign offs completed. The goal of this exercise is to test communications personnel skills and equipment readiness in a wilderness environment. This exercise will require personnel to operate in primitive conditions and test team sustainability over a 48 hour period.



An incident management team made up of participants will coordinate operations for the entire weekend. This will ensure teams are assigned as quickly as possible for field work. There will be opportunities to serve in various positions within the IMT. If you would like to sign up for a position or to shadow the IMT please be sure to indicate this on your registration. If you are working towards having a position task-book signed (PTB) please indicate this on your online registration .

The incident command post will be established at Guion Farm within DuPont State Forest and will be operational 24 hours a day during the event. The intent of this exercise is to provide real world scenarios for the participant, in order to enhance his or her overall operational effectiveness.

Be sure to register early, registration limited to the first 150 participants.

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College will issue continuing education credits for training participation at no charge to fire, rescue, emergency medical services, emergency management, or any other agency addressed in a N.C. jurisdictional emergency operations plan. All other participants wishing to receive credits will be charged a \$125 continuing education fee in addition to the exercise registration fee.

Age Requirements:

Participants age 16-18 should return a completed High School Release form with their registration. The form (second page) is available by email. Please email dupontrescue@gmail.com for the current release form.

Accommodations:

A limited amount of primitive camping sites are available at base camp. Requests should be made with registration. Overnight stays on site are not required. All meals are provided with the registration fee. Public fire rings are provided for group use. Additional accommodations can be found using the DuPont State Forest website at:

<http://www.dupontforest.com/accommodations.html>

Equipment & Logistics:

- **ATV Use:** *ATV use will be limited to Utility Type Vehicles and atvs designated as department response vehicles*, these include, but are not limited to: Gators, Mules, Rangers, Etc. Participants bringing these vehicles will attend a special training topic on Saturday before integrating into operations.
- Each discipline requires certain equipment, be sure to review this list in our Participant Guide located on our website. Each participant is required to bring their own search and rescue equipment.

Download the equipment list, directions & participant guide from our website at: <http://www.dupontrescue.com>

Also be sure to find us on Facebook for updates!

Questions or concerns contact us at dupontrescue@gmail.com

DuPont Rescue Experience 2019 Registration

This year all registration will be done online. Payment may be made by credit card or you can bring a check with you to the exercise or mail it to:

**Henderson County Rescue Squad
ATTN: DuPont Rescue Experience
2529 Asheville Highway
Hendersonville, NC 28791**

Make checks payable to: Henderson County Rescue Squad (be sure to mark it “DUPONT”)

When registering online please be prepared to answer the following information so our staff may plan for the appropriate scenarios and ensure adequate staff is available for safety considerations. “NA” indicates that topic or assignments may not be available. Please select one topic per period only.

Training Classes: LN-Land Navigation ROPES - Ropes Training Sessions
 EMS-Extended Wilderness EMS ST- Survival Training
 UAV-UAVs in SAR Dementia – Understanding dementia in SAR.
 Bike-Mountain Bikes in SAR

*****If signing up for training sessions do not sign up for Operations during the same period*****

Training Sessions	LN	ROPES	UAVs	Bike	EMS	ST	Dementia
Friday Night	NA	NA	NA			NA	NA
Saturday Morning				NA			
Saturday Afternoon	NA	NA		NA	NA		

Operational Periods: ROPES - Rope Operations (Scenarios) SAR – Ground Search Team
 IMT- Incident Management Team Canine – Canine based SAR Operations
 COMX – NCEM Communications Vehicle Functional Exercise

Operational Periods	SAR	Ropes	IMT	Canine	COMX
Friday 6:30p-Until					
Saturday 8a - 6p					
Saturday 7p - 8a					
Sunday 8a - 1p					

IMT Participants please be prepared to answer which section you wish to participate with and if you need a PTB signed.

Spaces are also available for communications support (radio operators)

Registration Process:

1-All attendees MUST Register Online at:
<https://www.regonline.com/dupontrescueexperience2019>

2-All attendees MUST Register Online at NCEM TERMS for DuPont
<https://terms.ncem.org>

Exercise Fee: \$65.00 (Includes 6 meals* (no lunch Friday) and shirt)

Non – NC Emergency Services or out of state members add an additional **\$125.00**

Due to the logistical complexities of this exercise the exercise staff are unable to accommodate participants with special dietary needs, a discount off the registration fee is available to reduce the fee by **\$30.00 (use discount code “meals”)*